

ALLIES OPEN THE YEAR WITH MILITARY SUCCESSES

Norfolk Ravaged Today By Flames

Famous Monticello Hotel Among Buildings Burned. German Agents Suspected

(International News Service.)

Norfolk, Jan. 1.—One fireman was killed, three were seriously hurt and damage estimated at \$3,000,000 was wrought here today by the worst fire Norfolk has suffered in years. Nearly a whole city block was laid waste, the greatest damage visiting the famous Monticello Hotel, the largest in Norfolk. The two upper floors of the hotel were burned out while the lower part was ruined by water. The fire was still burning at noon, but was under control.

A searching investigation is being made of the origin of the fire, believed to be of incendiary origin. Because of the fact that the Monticello hotel was the headquarters of many army and naval officials, it may develop that German agents were responsible. Two distinct explosions, one in a hotel and one in a millinery establishment, have not yet been explained.

MCADOO FRIEND OF ORGANIZED LABOR

DECLARES CONTENTED MEN ARE 25 PER CENT MORE EFFICIENT.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Organized labor starts the new year with one of the biggest victories ever scored in the United States. The announcement of Director General McAdoo, now the employer on behalf of the United States of 1,500,000 men working on American railways, that he has adopted a friendly attitude towards labor and believes that "25 per cent more efficiency can be obtained from contented men than from discontented men," opened a new field for organized labor. It is regarded the most sweeping recognition that has been accorded labor in years.

Captured Sammies Reduced to Five

Doughboys Threaten Vengeance If Other Seven Have Been Harmed.

(International News Service.)

With the American Army in France, Jan. 1.—Concern over the fate of 7 of the 12 American prisoners captured by the Germans early in September, is expressed in American circles in France. Although the official figures show 12 Americans captured, the pictures of "the American captives" published in a German newspaper show but five men. The doughboys are swearing vengeance if it is found the Germans harmed the other seven or put them to death.

Train From the Carolinas Arrives Thirty Hours Late

H. R. Thompson Returns From His Vacation Enthused Over Conditions in Military Camps

Some idea of the traffic congestion on the lines of the Southern Railway may be gained by the fact that H. R. Thompson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who arrived here yesterday from his home in North Carolina, where he had spent the Christmas holidays, rode a train that was 30 hours late. Three days and nights were required for the trip which is ordinarily made in half that time.

The belated secretary visited three of the training camps while away and returned here filled with optimism as to the showing that will be made by the Sammies when they get into the trenches. "I never saw a finer looking body of men," he said. "They are all cheerful, in excellent health and ready to go. Men who were once known as loafers at Florence, I saw standing up straight with their chests extended. The war seems to have made men of them.

There are three training camps

Hermione Lodge Elects Officers

H. A. Nungester Chosen as Chancellor Commander.

Hermione Lodge, No. 16, Knights of Pythias, held an enthusiastic meeting in their Castle Hall last night, the rank of Knight being conferred upon Messrs. Lewis E. McGregor and Lamar Penney.

Following the rank work the officers were elected for the ensuing term, as follows:

H. A. Nungester, chancellor commander; Jno. C. Gooch, vice-chancellor; Wm. A. Pryor, prelate; Z. Carroll, master of work; W. L. Crout, keeper of records and seal and master of finance; W. M. Bailey, master of exchequer; J. L. Fuller, master-at-arms; L. E. McGregor, inner guard; J. D. Gilliam, outer guard; H. A. King, grand representative; R. C. Nungester, alternate; Otto Fischer, musical director; Wm. A. Pryor, master of property; T. M. Dix, W. B. Shackelford and A. G. Patterson, trustees.

Hermione Lodge has had a large amount of initiatory work and a number of prominent citizens are in line for initiation.

Washington Keeps A Sober New Year

Old Fashioned Hospitality Abandoned and Everybody Works.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Washington's New Year's day was distinctly of the war-time variety. The time honored receptions of officialdom, some of them dating back to the revolution, were abandoned. Open house was a thing of the past and residents convivially inclined went Baltimore-ward to enjoy the delights of Bacchus. All government departments were closed, but behind the curtains the heads of the departments made an earnest effort to catch up in their work.

Soldier Boy Sends Thanks For Xmas Red Cross Presents

Kenneth Wilson, of Ambulance Co. 149, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., is the first recipient of a Christmas package sent out by the Decatur Red Cross to send an acknowledgement of the remembrance. The following letter from him has been received:

Camp Shelby, Miss., Dec. 20, 1917.
Decatur Red Cross Chapter.

Decatur, Ala.
My Dear Friends.—I wish to express my thanks to you for the Christmas package.

Very respectfully,
KENNETH WILSON,
Ambulance Co. 149.

These packages, like all others sent out by the Southern Red Cross, were distributed under the direction of the headquarters of the Gulf Division. A card enclosed in the package apprised the recipient of the fact that the little gifts were from the Decatur chapter.

Questionnaire Numbers

Questionnaires were mailed out today by the Morgan county exemption board to men whose call numbers are between 2245 and 2405.

BABES MUST BE SHIELDED FROM GERMAN AIR RAIDERS



When the Germans make their ruthless air raids over London, the babies and their mothers have to take refuge in all manner of underground shelters. The photograph shows a group of them safe in an old cave that had been dried out and made ready for the emergency.

Daily Inaugurates Its 1918 Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund

The 1918 "Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund" is inaugurated today by the Daily, and is headed with two contributions totalling \$3.00. The former fund was sent to Company E, now in France, and the present fund will go to the Morgan county boys in training camp. The Daily welcomes all funds donated for this worthy cause, and will take pleasure in seeing that all contributions get prompt acknowledgement.

J. E. Dutton, of Danville, Route 3, and the Daily are heading the fund. Mr. Dutton's dollar was forwarded by Mrs. A. E. Jackson, of Hartselle, who wrote the following letter:

Hartselle, Dec. 24, 1917.
Albany-Decatur Daily, Albany, Ala.
Dear Sirs.—Enclosed please find one dollar (\$1.00) to add to the boys' tobacco fund. During our Red Cross campaign last week, Mr. J. E. Dutton, Danville, R. F. D. 1, gave me this dollar for the tobacco fund, so I am sending to you and asking that you enroll him on the list.

Respectfully,
MRS. A. E. JACKSON

Contributions to date:
J. E. Dutton \$1.00
Albany-Decatur Daily \$3.00

PROBE OF LEATHER TRUST IS ORDERED

COAL TRAINS ARE GIVEN CLEAR TRACK

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The federal trade commission celebrated New Year's by setting out to find out why buying one pair of shoes empties almost anyone's pocket-book.

Upon information that there is no leather shortage and that shoe factories are operating far short of their capacity, the commission today ordered an investigation of the whole leather industry.

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KAISER APPROVES RUSS PEACE TERMS

AND GERMANY CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR MOST JOYOUSLY.

(International News Service.)

The Hague, Jan. 1.—Although Germany is filling the air with peace offers, the Kaiser continues to breathe defiance. In a new year's address to the German army the emperor declared that Germany must "bring back peace to the world by force of arms," according to advices received from Berlin today.

(International News Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—The Kaiser has given his personal approval to the peace terms arranged between the Bolsheviks and Teutonic envoys at Brest-Litovsk, said a dispatch from Berlin today.

The dispatch added: "The Germans believe that they are nearer to peace than ever before, and it has been a big factor in adding to the gaiety of the new year celebration." Opposition seems to be dying out to the principle of peace without annexations and indemnities.

Final Rehearsal For Minstrel Tonight

Black Face Carnival Crew to Add the Finishing Touches.

The final rehearsal for the Black Face Carnival to be given at the Masonic theatre Wednesday night, will take place tonight at the Y. M. C. A., beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. It has been previously announced that the rehearsal would take place at the theatre, but a change of plans was necessary.

All members of the burnt cork brigade are urged to be present at the rehearsal tonight.

Railroad Problem is Facing Congress

President Wilson to Send Special Message Early in Year.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—Government control of railroads has furnished material for weeks of congressional debate. With the re-convening of congress only two days off, members today are preparing for a flood of railroad legislation. Chief among the subjects of this legislation is the matter of compensation. President Wilson will address a letter to congress giving his views on the matter of compensation soon after house and senate re-convene. In the meantime, both bodies are preparing their own sinews of war.

HUNS ARE BEATEN IN ITALY AND ALSO IN FRANCE

Fifteen Hundred Prisoners and Sixty Machine Guns Taken by Latins

WELSH RIDGE POINTS LOST AND RE-GAINED

British Overcome Strong Turkish Resistance and Advance North of Jerusalem

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—The first day of 1918 dawned on allied successes in three theatres of war.

On the Cambrai front in France the Germans renewed their assaults at Welsh ridge and by the lavish use of liquid fire again succeeded in making a gain. The British undertook strong counter attacks and the Germans were quickly hurled back. Artillery duels raged elsewhere on the western front throughout the night.

In Italy, a battle developed involving troops of five nations, and resulted in a big success for the allies. Strong positions were captured at Monte Komba and nearly 1,500 prisoners and over 60 machine guns were taken. German efforts to re-capture the lost ground were repulsed.

The British army in Palestine has made another advance north of Jerusalem, overcoming strong Turkish resistance.

(International News Service.)

Rome, Jan. 1.—A wave of indignation surged through Italy today over the news of the German air attack upon the Padua cathedral and other ancient and historic buildings in that city.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES ARE

WINNING IN SIBERIA.

(International News Service.)

Stockholm, Jan. 1.—Bolshevik forces are gaining the upper hand in the fighting in Siberia, according to the war office at Petrograd. Rail communication between Petrograd and Vladivostok has been cut. Fighting is raging between the Red Guard and the Cossacks at Irkutsk. Severe loss of life and great destruction of property has attended the fighting.

A defeat has been administered to the Bolsheviks in Ukarana.

GERMANS MASSING MEN

FOR AN ITALIAN THRUST.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Austro-German thrust into Italy between the Brenta and Piave rivers is about to be resumed. Aviators have reported to the Italian war office that great quantities of ammunition are being massed behind the German lines and a great concentration of troops is in progress.

The Italian government has begun the new year by taking one of the most important steps in the social reform movement in that country, by granting full power to requisition and distribute among the people all available lands that may be utilized for agricultural purposes.

BEGINNING next Sunday, the three churches of Central Albany—Westminster Presbyterian, Central Methodist and Central Baptist—will join in union services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. This arrangement is to continue through the months of January and February at least. The arrangement conserves fuel and light and is also in keeping with the spirit of combining forces and uniting efforts, which is so manifest at this time throughout Christendom.

The first of these services will be held at Westminster church next Sunday evening. This will be a song service which had already been planned by the choir of that church. A service flag will be dedicated in honor of our boys who are with the colors. A cordial welcome to all.

First Union Service Of Central Churches to be Held Sunday

Washington, Jan. 1.—Red Cross dispatches today from the American minister at Guatemala City confirmed earlier dispatches that 80 per cent of the Guatemalan capital had been wrecked by the earthquake and that all structures in a large part of the surrounding country had been reduced to ruins. Vast preparations are under way for the relief of the sufferers.

Reserved Seats For Black Face Carnival

Reserved seats for the Black Face Carnival are now on sale at the Masonic theatre. Those who want choice seats should make a rush for the box office.

Siren-Voiced Whistles Announce the Arrival of the New Year

Nineteen Eighteen Starts Off With Business Prospects Bright and Weather Bad

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It had been a period of war and strife, and had made but few friends to weep at its dying. Most everybody was glad that it had gone and wondered if its successor could offer humanity more.

The new year finds the business outlook for the nation, the state, the Tennessee valley and the Twin Cities unusually good. It also finds the weather unusually bad.

But little work was done today. The occasion was a holiday, national and otherwise. The banks were closed, the postoffices remained open only two hours in the morning. There was but little doing anywhere.

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THE GOOD YEAR 1918.

The 1917 calendars have been torn from the walls and those of 1918 now hang in their place. Another year has passed into the realms of history. The infant that steps into its shoe-faces an uncertain future. It also looks out upon greater opportunity. Eventful though the past twelve months were, their successors give every promise of being more eventful still. Certainly so from the American standpoint, for this great nation is now fully plunged into the war and is almost prepared to become an active fighting force in the great world struggle.

What does the future hold? This is a question that even the most gifted of the soothsayers will not attempt to answer. Will the year 1918 witness the termination of the war? Upon the answer to this hinges the fate of millions of human beings. It is useless to hazard a guess, for no one knows. There can be no doubt, though, that unless by some fortunate circumstance peace can be brought about, the majority of American men of fighting age will be in the trenches or the training camps before another Christmas. Their places at home will be filled by many who are unaccustomed to toil. The aged and the female will be requisitioned for service in the industrial ranks.

There is no reason, however, why every loyal citizen of the United States should not be optimistic. Victory may be delayed, but victory assured. Business conditions will be far above normal, for industry will be stimulated by necessity. Production must be at a maximum. There may be some suffering, but it will be born with fortitude. There may be many bereavements, but they will be accepted as the price that is paid for universal liberty. Standing out above all is the certainty that the nation at the end of the year will be spiritualized and bettered. It will be solidified and strengthened.

Welcome the new year!

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOYS' TOBACCO FUND.

The Daily is starting off the new year by keeping its promise to renew the "Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund." In the late months of last year subscriptions sufficient to send 279 packages of tobacco to Company "E" in France were acknowledged, and this year it is expected that the citizens of the county will do more still toward providing a fragrant pipe for the boys in the American training camps. Aside from the practical value of such a gift to the boys who have gone out to fight for their country, their joy at being remembered by the folks back home is of itself sufficient to re-pay any contributor.

The tobacco fund is one that should appeal to every section of the county, for there is no spot so isolated that it has not sent its men into the army. There are few men or women in the county who have no relative or loved one wearing the khaki. By the time the fund is complete the fighting ranks will have been enlarged by the second call. No pressure is brought to bear to secure this tobacco fund. It is open to all who want to give. They do so without compulsion and without solicitation. The Daily hopes the fund will grow to good proportions.

REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS FOR ALABAMA TROOPS.

The colonels and lieutenant-colonels commanding certain of the Alabama troops have been sent to training camps and their places filled by regular army men. This has brought forth a protest from Governor Henderson who is anxious that Alabama troops shall be commanded by Alabama officers. In this instance, the Governor is partially right and partially wrong, as the Daily sees it. There is no good reason why Alabamians should not follow the men from their own state into battle. There is every reason why these officers should be as efficient as any in the service. It is not to be expected that men with a few years training in the national guard or a few months training in a military school have mastered the art of war. While their men train at the cantonments, they, too, should be training in some higher school for the man with shoulder straps. The responsibility for the welfare of the

listed men is upon the shoulders of these officers. It would be criminal or them to fail to measure up to the requirements.

THE DIXIE DIVISION.

Governor Henderson, as well as the senators and congressmen from a number of southern states, are insisting that the Dixie Division shall carry its identity into the trenches of France. While this is a mere bit of sentiment, it is one that appeals strongly to the average southerner, who has all along inwardly felt that the best fighting men which the nation produces come from below the line. This bit of conceit was fostered during the civil war, when the gallant "Confederate" defended his homeland with a valour that has never been surpassed. By all means let the sons of the South go into the trenches as a body. They will battle more gallantly to preserve untarnished the reputation of their section. The sons of the North will be on their mettle to eclipse the feats of the federalized Rebs.

Attend the Black Face Carnival and help the Home Guards. It's the cheap protection your money can buy.

The liquor organs always shout for state's rights when they wish to perpetuate state's wrongs.

What's become of the old-fashioned sheet that wanted "prohibition" that would prohibit?

The New Year is worth celebrating, or its arrival is official announcement that Christmas has gone.

Put the "Morgan County Boys' Tobacco Fund" in your pipe. The men in the camps will smoke it.

America's one New Year resolution: Get the Kaiser.

Swear off for a week as part of the conservation program.

This is one of the holidays that the collector never observes.

Let the Huns talk peace; the allies would talk war.

The allies in their peace aims won't forget that Berlin is the target.

State Press Views

THIS IS THE ANSWER.

In the same issue of a Birmingham newspaper it was announced that the Jefferson county jail has the smallest number of prisoners it has housed at any time for twenty years, and that the Tuscaloosa county jail has only one prisoner.

Similar conditions prevail in dozens of jails throughout Alabama, while all over the state prisons have been wholly or well nigh emptied during the last year or so.

Of course, there are people more or less blinded by prejudice and partisanship, or who absolutely refuse to acknowledge facts, who will wriggle around to find some reasons for this to fit in with their pet views; but the overwhelming majority of folks who observe and think know perfectly well that abolition of the crime-breeding saloon was the most influential factor in the establishment of these favorable conditions.

Everybody knows that the liquor traffic and crime, violence, disorder and arrests are as thick as two pigs in a pen.—Birmingham Ledger.

That this condition is general was indicated in replies received recently by The Alabama Citizen from sheriffs in the majority of the counties of the state. With one exception, they all reported that criminal conditions are better today than they have ever been before.

The effect of prohibition was also made most evident in Anniston. With the large number of soldiers here and with a large civilian population practically idle on Christmas day, not a single case of drunkenness or disorderly conduct was reported.

This draws a remarkable contrast to conditions that prevailed here during the saloon days of 1899, when only ten thousand soldiers were stationed near the city, but when hardly an hour went by without a fight or some sort of disorderly conduct being reported to the police or the provost guard.

Indeed, abolition of the liquor traffic is the nearest approach Alabama has made to a panacea for all her ills, and our people will breathe a sigh of relief when the ratification of the federal amendment makes present conditions secure and removes the liquor question from politics for all time.—Anniston Star.

Those first calling cards. Every prospective bride takes especial interest in her first calling cards after the "Mrs." is added. Supply your wants by ordering early from the Daily. Many styles and prices to select from.

Enemy Aliens Must Register Week Feb. 4

Washington, Dec. 31.—The week of February 4 was set aside by the department of justice today for registration of the half million unnaturalized Germans in continental United States by police and postmasters in pursuance of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation directing this action as a means of minimizing the danger from enemy sympathizers in the United States.

Earlier plans for administering the registration in the eastern cities first and gradually extending it to the entire country were abandoned because of the fear that some Germans might avoid registration by moving from district to district.

Registration will involve gathering of detailed information concerning the business, relatives and habits of every German, together with his photograph and finger prints. After registering he must carry a certificate card and may not change his place of residence without approval of the police or postmaster. Violation of the regulations will be punishable by imprisonment for the war.

The orders do not apply to German women nor to any person under 14 years of age because these are not classed as alien enemies by law. Subjects of Austria-Hungary are not required to register.

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WE CAN USE a few more girls over 16 years of age. Apply Decatur Hosiery Mills, 124 W. Church St., Decatur. 1-5t

WANTED—To buy, one second-hand seven-passenger automobile. Must be cheap and in good condition. Phone Albany 855. 31-3t

WANTED TO SELL—Six mule colts. D. S. Echols, Decatur. 27-1t

GAS STOVE FOR SALE—\$5. W. J. Garnett.

WANTED—Cord-wood cutters, haulers and contractors, to cut 200,000 cords. Apply to F. W. Akers, Collinwood, Wayne Co., Tenn. 27-13t

YOU have turned into the new year. Now turn your old accounts, notes and mortgages over to the Tennessee Valley Credit Association, and let them turn them into money and the money you turn into the bank where it can turn you a profit. Phone Albany 115. J. A. Thornhill, manager. 1-3t

FOR RENT—Unfurnished apartment. Apply 113 1/2 East Vine street, Decatur. Phone 184-J. 26-1t

WOULD YOU MARRY lonely widow worth \$80,000? Write P. O. Box 1912, Jacksonville, Fla. 24-6t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms on Line street after Jan. 1. Two men preferred. Phone 23 Decatur. 26-6t

BE a spirit medium; give readings, heal the sick; \$10 course only \$1, postpaid. Rev. F. A. Thomas, Medium-Author, 20 Bickerstaff St., Boston, Mass.

WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or stove wood. Call Wilder Place, 124 Albany. M 3 1-1t

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Sincerely,

McGEHEE FURNITURE CO.

Allies May Once More State War Aims, Is Report

(International News Service.)

London, Jan. 1.—The new year opened with public interest divided between peace and military operations in the various theatres of war. The opinion of the entire world is now centered upon the attitude which the entente will take in regard to Germany's offer to negotiate peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities.

There has been no official utterance to substantiate the statement of the Manchester Guardian that the allies will answer the German proposal, although it is generally believed that an answer of some kind will be returned, if not in the form of a note by a speech by a representative of one of the governments.

Not counting Russia, 16,000,000 men are now under arms in the various fields of action.

Alabama Railroad Must Do Business Says Dictator McAdoo

(International News Service.)

Montgomery, Jan. 1.—Dictator McAdoo issued his first order in Alabama since he became railroad dictator today, when he ordered the Montgomery & Haynesville railroad not to remove its tracks, a sixteen-mile stretch from Tyson to Haynesville. The railroad company sought to remove the tracks from the ground as the closing of an oil mill made the railroad a losing proposition.

WANTED—100 men and women, to borrow \$1,000 each, or more, on improved farms, at 6%, or to buy life insurance in old line company; also city loans. W. M. Chenault, Phone 457 Albany. 1-1mo

Victor Records Late

On account of freight congestion the Victor records for January have not arrived. We hope to have them in a few days and will give due notice of the fact.

While the January list is small, it contains some records you will want. Be sure to come in and hear them.

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We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us during the illness and death of our father, Frank Chandler.

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CLUB CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

Music Study Club—Mrs. E. E. Graves.

Married Ladies' Bridge—

Thursday.

Silk Stocking Club—Mrs. T. H. Alexander.

Friday.

Auction Bridge—

Saturday.

Saturday Club—Miss Clarkson.

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COMPLIMENT TO

MILDRED PINKERTON.

Willie Fiest Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Price, entertained with a New Year party last evening.

The decorations were red and green, carried in palms and poinsettias. Progressive conversation was the feature of the entertainment. Before the New Year hour light refreshments were served. As the old year passed into history, fireworks of all kinds were lighted and cheer after cheer was added to the already sufficient announcement of 1918. Those enjoying this function were Lucile Patterson, Annie B. Malone, John Bullard, Ruby White, Bessie Cobb, Amanda Pride, Dimple Brock, Willie Fiest Price, Mildred Pinkerton, John Patterson, Malcolm Adams, Harry Malone, Chas. Malone, Eugene Russell, Sam Hollingsworth, William Greer, Malcolm Patterson, Joe Bell, Hugh Stone, Pat Kimbrough, Herman Thomas.

PASTOR ENTERTAINS

THE OFFICIAL BOARD.

Rev. L. L. Hearn, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, entertained the official board of his church informally Monday evening at his home on Fifth avenue, south. The first hour was devoted to discussing the business of the church, after which refreshments were served. Rev. and Mrs. Hearn were assisted in entertaining by Miss Lorena Prosser. Rev. Hearn has the esteem of the church and the new year starts out with the brightest of prospects for the best year in its history. Rev. Head, a life-long friend of the pastor, was present and made an interesting talk.

D. A. R. POSTPONED.

No meeting of the D. A. R. Thursday day with Mrs. B. E. Preuit.

Miss Eva Hartung has returned to Florence to re-enter the State Normal after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartung, during the holidays.

Miss Marie Kimbrough has returned from Hartselle.

Miss Lena Covey is the holiday guest of her brother, Tom Covey.

Miss Lola Winton, of Birmingham, spent the holidays with her brother S. O. Winton, returning Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Ferguson has returned to Baton Rouge, La., after visiting his sister, Mrs. T. J. Tilman.

Mrs. Lillie Tilman has returned to Birmingham, after visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Tilman.

Mrs. W. C. Howell has returned from Tom Bean, Texas, where she visited her sisters, Mrs. J. M. Forest and Mrs. J. P. Stone.

Mrs. Gracey Stone of Savoy, Tex., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Howell.

Mrs. J. M. Forest and daughter Allie, of Tom Bean, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. W. C. Howell.

Misses Stella Sewell and Gladys Garrison returned to Brick, Ala., today, where they are teaching for the year.

Miss Altie Giles, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Glenn are expected from Tennessee to visit relatives.

Miss Wilda Simms, of Birmingham, is the guest of Mrs. L. J. Whatley in the Mangrum home.

Mrs. Mary Sue Wells, of Glasgow, Ky., who is here at the bedside of her brother, Joe Cockrell, who is critically ill at the Benevolent hospital, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Earp.

Mrs. Kimball Jones and daughter Mary, have returned from Florence.

Miss Bonnie Stockton has returned to Center Grove, where she is teaching.

Miss Alice Stockton will leave today for Judson College to resume her studies.

If you need a clerk, salesman, stenographer or any kind of help, the quickest way is a Daily want ad.

FIGHT AND HOLD YOUR GROUND.

DEAR FRANCE!

WE'LL SOON BE ON OUR WAY.

(By W. H. Clagett.)

Fight on! Fight on, fair land of France!

Our sad hearts bleed for you

When Leige was trodden by the hoof

To pass the vandal through.

We wept again when Rheims was

sacked

By those who'd ruthless slay,

But fight and hold your ground, dear

France!

We'll soon be on our way!

The records of your valiant deeds

Have stirred our very souls,

And soon on blood-soaked battlefields.

Where cannon thunder rolls,

You'll find us fighting by your side,

And find us there to stay,

So hold your ground, dear sister

France!

We'll soon be on our way!

You sent us your brave LaFayette,

Your gallant Rochambeau,

To help us win our liberty

In the days of long ago,

You were the one bright star of hope

Which led us from dismay,

So fight and hold your ground, dear

France!

We'll soon be on our way!

Our people never will forget

The aid you freely sent,

Enheartening our fighting men

When they were nearly spent,

And by the sacred Stars and Stripes

The debt we'll gladly pay!

So hold your ground, fair sunny

France!

We'll soon be on our way!

And when on seared and furrowed

fields

You hear a bugle call,

And turn to see our Yankee boys

Who've come to fight and fall,

Then give three rousing cheers for

France!

And good old U. S. A.!

For we have heard your just appeal

And we are on our way!

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Use the Daily's Want Ad Column

RAILROAD WAR
CABINET NAMED

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS TO
HANDLE THE FINANCIAL
END.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Orders were given to eastern railroads today from Director-General McAdoo to clear up freight congestion regardless of previous government priority regulation, passenger schedules and any hampering practices under the old competitive system and to pay special attention to movement of coal and food.

Lines of the west and south were notified that soon they might be called on to furnish locomotives and other equipment to help lighten the traffic burden in the east, and a committee of government officials was created to work out a plan for diverting export freight to "ports south" of New York. Quantities of coal actually were started moving to New England to relieve the serious shortage there, and priority orders were suspended for road east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers to the extent necessary to clear up congestion.

At the same time the director-general dissolved the railroad war board at its own request and named a temporary advisory cabinet of five members. One of these, Hale Holder, president of the Burlington and member of the war board, will be retained to supervise the machinery which the war board has created with in the last nine months to co-ordinate the roads of the country.

Other members of the new advisory cabinet are: John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, who will have charge of financial questions arising out of government operations; Henry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line, who will assist on operation problems; Edward Chambers, traffic director of the foot administration, who will have general charge of traffic, and Walker D. Hines, assistant to the general director.

Other railway heads who made up the war board, Fairfax Harrison of the Southern, who was chairman; Reuben of the Pennsylvania, Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific, and Elliott of the New Haven, will return to active supervision of their roads, but all the sub-committees and organization of the board will be turned over to Mr. Holden.

Calling Cards—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from the Daily. Look our line over.

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Four

Military Training Necessary for Safety and Defense.

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "Jimmie and I have been looking up about war in the encyclopedia at school. We found that in the war between Germany and France in 1870-71, Germany lost in killed and wounded 28,000 soldiers while France lost about six times as many, and besides that, she lost every battle. We asked Professor Slocum why this was. He said that the German army was highly trained and ably commanded, while the French soldiers were poorly trained; and that their war department was honeycombed with jealousy and politics; officers were not much good, and that's why France lost the war and so many men. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "Professor Slocum is right. By inefficiency France lost that war, together with two of her best provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—and had to pay a billion dollars indemnity money. France also learned her lesson by that sad experience, so she put in universal military training, and as a result, her soldiers now know how to fight and how to protect themselves. They are losing less men in the war than the Germans. France also put politics out of her war department, so that expert authority, instead of bureaucratic stupidity, now directs the army. The result is, France has one of the best and most efficient armies ever assembled, and this shows what thorough training and good leadership means in warfare. This saved France in this crisis, as well as the liberties of the world."

"As war is now conducted, there is no place for an untrained man. A body of 10,000 well trained soldiers properly handled could defeat five times their number of raw recruits and do it every time, with comparatively small loss to themselves. Proper training alone will reduce the death and casualty rate one-third of what it otherwise would be, and right here is an unanswerable argument for universal military training.

"Our government has no moral right to force her men into war service without properly training them for it. To do so is simply murder, hence the frantic effort that is now being made to give her soldiers some training before they are sent to the front. If we are to win this war, it will take trained men to do it, and it will take trained men to win any other war that may come upon us in the future. If we must fight, let us fight to win and not to lose."

"That's the stuff," said Billie.

Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "Our government has expended about \$300,000,000 to put up cantonments and training stations in order to train the men called by the selective draft. When these men are trained the training stations should be immediately filled with younger men, say those in their nineteenth year, to receive six months of intensive military training along the lines of the Chamberlain bill. This will be of immeasurable benefit to them individually. It will do them more good than any other two years of their whole life; it will make them strong, manly, self-reliant, quick to see and quick to act; it will equip them for a successful life. In short, it will rebuild American manhood and will also give the government a body of trained men to draw from in case it is necessary to defend our flag and country. We must settle this question of universal military training immediately, otherwise these training camps may be demolished. The adoption of universal military training will be no benefit to the world; that from then on we will be prepared to defend ourselves promptly and efficiently, and this will do more to keep us out of war in the future than anything else we could do."

"Do you think, brother," said Mrs. Graham, "that there will ever be another war?"

"I have no doubt about it," said Uncle Dan. "So long as men are selfish, so long as nations are ambitious to acquire territory, so long as population presses and demands more room, so long as there remains a scramble for world trade—so long wars will be. When the time comes that we reach the high plane for which we hope and dream, when all will recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, then and then only, will wars cease. When that day comes doors will need no locks, banks will need no vaults to protect their treasures, but that day is a long way off."

"The only safe and sane plan is to be able to defend ourselves at all times. Therefore, every citizen should insist that senators and congressmen shall provide for universal military training, so that never again shall the country be caught so completely unprepared as this war found us. Fortunately, in this case, our enemy has been held back, so we have had a few months in which to prepare. This advantage probably will never come again. It is however our salvation today."

"Because she was ready, Switzerland is an island of peace in a sea of war. Safety first is good, but safety always is better. In strength there is safety. You never saw a tin can tied to the tail of a bulldog. There is a reason."

DESTROY WEEVILS IN CORN

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist Alabama Experiment Station

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala.

There are several kinds of insects that injure stored corn. All of these start their work in the field as the corn matures and continue to work in the cribs to which practically all of them are carried by the present practice of storing corn with the husk on.

When present in abundance these insects may cause a loss of half or two-thirds of the feeding value of the corn. No farmer can afford to lose 60 to 75 cents per bushel on his corn when he can easily prevent it at a cost of not more than 1 cent per bushel.

The best treatment is to fumigate in the crib with carbon disulfide (commonly known as "high life.") This may be applied directly on the corn without injuring it for feed or for seed. Even in tight rooms at least 10 pounds should be used per 1000 cubic feet and in ordinary cribs from 20 to 25 pounds will be needed. Use it on warm days only and do not allow fire near until the odor has disappeared.

Much good can be done by treating large masses of corn in the shuck even in cribs that are not tight, but most economical and satisfactory results are obtained in rooms which are made as nearly gas-tight as possible.

TRAINING A YOUNG FARMER

By L. N. Duncan, Superintendent Junior and Home Economics Extension, Auburn, Ala.

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala.

During the season of 1916 there were enrolled in Alabama 3,870 boys as members of the corn club, 4,062 as members of the pig club, and 571 in the four-crop club, making a total of 8,503 boys. Each of these boys was engaged in a definite agricultural home project upon which he received specific instructions from his county agent and from the general club agents at Auburn.

In addition to the instructions above mentioned, a series of county short courses was held by counties. The boys were called together in groups and a regular school of instruction was organized. These schools usually lasted for a period of three days. The program was divided into three divisions—one of lectures and demonstrations in corn and pig raising, one of practice organization, and one of recreation and social activities.

The county agent was the local leader and was assisted by men from the Auburn office. Most of these schools were held at the same time and place as the county teachers' institutes. Teachers and superintendents co-operated in arranging for boys to attend. During the school one joint meeting of boys and teachers was held. Great assistance was given in this work by the representatives of the State Department of Education. In most cases the boys were generously entertained in the homes of the people, where the schools were held.

During the winter of 1916-17 these schools were held in twenty counties with a total enrollment of 796 boys. There were present also at least one session 3,000 teachers, superintendents and visitors.

What a vast opportunity this is for bringing together in one united effort all of the educational forces of the county and state for instilling into our boys, the future farmers of Alabama, the new ideas of agriculture and country life. If your county has not had such a school for your young farmers, co-operate with your county agent in arranging for one.

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	Capital Stock.....	\$100,000 00
Overdrafts.....	61 50	Surplus and Profits..... 54,547 67
Real Estate.....	1,715 14	Res. for Int. and Taxes..... 881 48
Bank Building and Fixt'rs	24,178 16	Circulation..... 100,000 00
U. S. Bonds.....	110,000 00	Semi-Annual Dividend..... 5,000 00
Other Bonds.....	38,550 38	Deposits..... 553,739 32
Stock Fed. Res. Bank.....	3,600 00	Cert. Checks..... 1 131 20
5% Fund.....	5,000 00	Cashier's Checks..... 1,639 87
Cash and Due from Banks	179,885 16	
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